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Re: **Profile Of Children Adopted In FY 1985**

Please find attached several tables of data profiling the 400 children who were adopted in fiscal year 1985. Adoption data were gathered by the Research, Evaluation and Planning Unit from the Regional Adoption Logs. To summarize:

- Over three-quarters of the children adopted were between one and ten years of age.
- Statewide, just over half of DSS adoptions were by foster parents. However, two regions have significantly higher proportions than this.
- 67% of the adopted children receive subsidy.
- Three-quarters are identified as having special needs.

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Table 1. Child's Age At Time Of Finalization, By Region - FY'85

	Under 1 yr.	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-19	Total
REGION I	0 (0%)*	23 (33%)*	27 (39%)*	16 (23%)*	3 (4%)*	69 (17%)**
REGION II	1 (2%)	26 (40%)	27 (42%)	9 (14%)	2 (3%)	65 (16%)
REGION III	1 (2%)	28 (47%)	22 (37%)	6 (10%)	2 (3%)	59 (15%)
REGION IV	4 (7%)	20 (36%)	19 (35%)	10 (18%)	2 (4%)	55 (14%)
REGION V	4 (4%)	43 (48%)	29 (32%)	10 (11%)	4 (4%)	90 (23%)
REGION VI	0 (0%)	14 (23%)	28 (45%)	18 (29%)	2 (3%)	62 (16%)
STATEWIDE	10 (3%)**	154 (39%)	152 (38%)	69 (17%)	15 (4%)	400 (100%)

- 400 children were adopted in FY 1985.
- Three-quarters of them were between one and ten years old (77%).
- 3% were under one (1) year.
- 21% were between 11 and 19 years old.

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* Percentage of regional total.

** Percentage of statewide total.

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REVIEWS

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NUMBER MISS.REPORTS FOLL CHECK: _____

OTHER: _____

REASONS OF VERIFICATION: _____

NO PARAMEDIC TRUCK: _____

NO CREW: _____

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Table 2. Children Adopted, By Type Of Home, By Region - FY'85

	Foster Homes	Recruited Homes	Total
REGION I	32 (47%) *	36 (53%)*	68 (17%)**
REGION II	37 (58%)	27 (42%)	64 (16%)
REGION III	34 (58%)	25 (42%)	59 (15%)
REGION IV	20 (37%)	34 (63%)	54 (14%)
REGION V	58 (64%)	32 (36%)	90 (23%)
REGION VI	39 (63%)	23 (37%)	62 (16%)
STATEWIDE	220 (55%) **	177 (45%)	397 (100%) ***

- Statewide, 55% of the children were adopted by foster parents, and 45% by parents recruited and approved for adoptive placement.
- Regions V and VI show a significantly higher proportion of foster home adoptions than is seen statewide (64%, 63% vs 55%).
- Region IV, on the other hand, had a much higher share of recruited homes compared to the state 63% vs 45%).

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* Percentage of regional total.

** Percentage of statewide total

*** Data are not available for three children adopted in FY'85.

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Table 3. Ethnicity Of Child At Time Of Finalization, By Region - FY'85

	Black	White	Latino	Other	Total
REGION I	5 (7%)*	48 (70%)*	14 (20%)*	2 (3%)*	69 (18%)**
REGION II	4 (6%)	54 (83%)	0 (0%)	7 (11%)	65 (16%)
REGION III	0 (0%)	44 (83%)	6 (11%)	3 (6%)	53 (13%)
REGION IV	2 (4%)	46 (84%)	4 (7%)	3 (5%)	55 (14%)
REGION V	2 (2%)	81 (90%)	1 (1%)	6 (7%)	90 (23%)
REGION VI	28 (45%)	24 (39%)	7 (11%)	3 (5%)	62 (16%)
STATEWIDE	41 (10%)**	297 (75%)	32 (8%)	24 (6%)	394 (100%)***

- Three-quarters of the adopted children in FY'85 were white and the rest minorities.
- In Region VI, however, 39% were white, 45% black, 11% Latino, and 5% other groups.

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* Percentage of regional total.

** Percentage of statewide total.

*** Information not available for six children.

Note: 'Other' includes children with Asian, Native American, Portuguese, and mixed racial ethnicities.

Table 4. Ethnicity Of Adopted Child, By Type Of Home - FY'85

	Black	White	Latino	Other	Total
FOSTER HOMES	29 (73%)*	155 (52%)	22 (69%)	10 (43%)	216 (55%)
RECRUITED HOMES	11 (27%)*	141 (48%)	10 (31%)	13 (57%)	175 (45%)
STATEWIDE	40 (10%)**	296 (76%)	32 (8%)	23 (6%)	391(100)***

- 71% of the black and Latino children finalized in FY'85 were adopted by foster parents.
- In contrast, only 52% of the white children were adopted by foster parents.

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* Percentage of statewide ethnicity category.

** Percentage of statewide total.

*** There were nine children with missing information.

Note: 'Other' includes children with Asian, Native American, Portuguese, and mixed racial ethnicities.

Table 5. Adopted Children, By Special Need And Amount of Subsidy - FY'85

	Physical Needs	Emotional/ Mental Needs	Other Needs[1]	No Special Needs	Total
NO SUBSIDY	3 (7%)*	11 (8%)		106 (100%)	120 (33%)
SUBSIDY	40 (93%)*	119 (92%)	90 (100%)		249 (67%)
FULL	28	99	66		193
PARTIAL	4	2	3		9
MA-ONLY	8	18	21		47
TOTAL	43 (12%)**	130 (35%)	90 (24%)	106 (29%)	369(100%)***

- 67% of the adopted children in FY'85 received a subsidy.
- 64% of those who received subsidy had special physical, mental and emotional needs, and the rest (36%) met other subsidy criteria.
- 71% of the adopted children had special needs.

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* Percentage of total special needs category.

** Percentage of state total.

*** 31 of the children were missing subsidy information.

1. 'Other Needs' include age (twelve and older), race or ethnicity, sibling group member, and/or living with a foster parent for one or more years such that separation would adversely affect the child.

Table 6. Adopted Child's Ethnicity, By Type Of Subsidy - FY'85

	Black	White	Latino	Other	Total
NO SUBSIDY	2 (5%)*	106 (39%)	3 (9%)	8 (36%)	119 (33%)
SUBSIDY	36 (95%)*	166 (61%)	29 (91%)	14 (64%)	245 (67%)
FULL	33	118	29	12	192
PARTIAL	0	7	0	1	8
MA-ONLY	3	41	0	1	45
STATEWIDE	38 (10%)**	272 (75%)	32 (9%)	22 (6%)	364(100%)***

- Over 90% of the adopted black and Latino children received a subsidy.
- 61% of all adopted white children received a subsidy.

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* Percentage of statewide ethnicity category.

** Percentage of statewide total.

*** 36 of the children had missing subsidy and/or ethnicity information.

Note: 'Other' includes children with Asian, Native American, Portuguese, and mixed racial ethnicities.

August, 1986: % Children in Caseload and in Placement, and FY85 Legalizations for Adoption, by Ethnicity

REGION	WHITE			BLACK			LATINO			OTHER			NO INFO	
	Case load	In Place-ment	Leg ADP FY85	Case load	In Place-ment	Leg ADP FY85	Case load	In Place-ment	Leg ADP FY85	Case load	In Place-ment	Leg ADP FY85	Case load	In Place-ment
REGION I	61%	58%	70%	11%	16%	7%	16%	13%	20%	3%	7%	3%	9%	6%
REGION II	84%	85%	83%	3%	4%	6%	8%	7%	0	4%	4%	11%	-	-
REGION III	77%	78%	83%	4%	5%	0	13%	13%	11%	4%	3%	6%	2%	1%
REGION IV	78%	79%	84%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	5%	4%	3%
REGION V	78%	77%	90%	5%	5%	2%	5%	5%	1%	12%	11%	7%	3%	2%
REGION VI	29%	29%	39%	51%	56%	45%	8%	8%	11%	8%	7%	5%	2%	1%
STATEWIDE	67%	66%	75%	13%	18%	10%	10%	8%	8%	6%	7%	6%	3%	2%

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SOURCES: Children (0-18 yrs) in caseload and children in placement from 8/1/86 ASSIST data (tape Extract).
Legalized adoptions in FY85 from Regional Adoption Logs.